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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, PN

SUBJECT: POLITICAL SITUATION

1. THE MORNING PAPERS SEEM TO HAVE DRAWN BACK A COUPLE OF STEPS TO VIEW THE DAMAGE. SEMI-INDEPENDENT ESTRELLA, FOR EXAMPLE, GIVES FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO THE U.S. EMBASSY DENIAL, BUT MIRACULOUSLY GIVES NO MENTION TO THE BOYD NOTE ACCUSING THE U.S. OF INTROMISSION OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES IN PANAMA. ESTRELLA'S ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUSIN, THE STAR AND HERALD, GIVES STRAIGHT FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO THE NOTE, AS WELL AS THE EMBASSY AND PANCANAL COMMUNIKES. LEFTIST (AND GOP-CONTROLLED) MATUTINO CARRIES THE EMBASSY STATEMENT WITHOUT HEADLINE AT THE UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF PAGE 1, CARRYING THE BOYD NOTE ALSO ON PAGE 1 UNDER THE HEADLINE "PROTEST OF THE PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY". CRITICA CARRIES THE TEXT OF THE NOTE ON PAGE ONE UNDER THE HEAD "INTROMISSION OF ZONIANS CAUSES ENERGETIC PROTEST", WITH OUR STATEMENT CARRIED ON JUMP PAGE AT THE END OF THE TEXT OF THE NOTE. NO PAPERS CARRY EDITORIALS ON POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

2. THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED RADIO (LIBERTAD), WHICH LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON WAS BLAMING PANAMA'S TROUBLES ON AMERICAN

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(AND SPECIFICALLY CIA) PERFIDY, REPEATED ITS CHARGES EARLY

TODAY BUT SINCE 8:00 A.M. HAS TURNED ITS ATTENTION TO OTHER MATTERS.

3. THE CITY IS QUIET THIS MORNING. BUSSES HAVE GATHERED AT PLAZA PORRAS TO TAKE STUDENTS TO SAN MIGUELITO FOR MEETING WITH AUTHORITIES, BUT WE HAVE NO REPORT YET.  
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